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1905.

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Martin P. O'Brien

at

Garfield

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

10-71

1905

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A. R. Beckwith
Coroner.

Referred for the information of the Secretary for
Railways.

C. L. O.

10/11/05.5.

H. J. O'Brien

Secretary to the Law Department.

TO BE RETURNED
TO
CROWN LAW OFFICES

23/11/05.

Noted.

Secretary for Railways.

The Secretary to the Law Department.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA, }
TO WIT. }

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lord King Edward, taken at Garfield in
Victoria, the thirteenth day of November
A.D. 1905 in the fourth & fifth year of the Reign
of our said Lord the King, before me A. A. Beckett
Deputy Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King
for Victoria, upon the view of the body of Martin Lotin

then and there lying dead, upon the oath^s of¹

(1) Jurors' Christian
and surnames in
full.

good and lawful men of _____ in Victoria,
who being duly sworn and charged to inquire, upon the part of our Lord the
King, when, where, how, and by what means the said Martin Lotin

(2) His or her.

came by² his death, do say upon their

(3) Here state cause
of death if known;
if unknown, doubt-
ful, or no evidence,
state the fact ac-
cordingly, using the
words of the verdict
of the Jury.

oath that³ Martin Lotin came by his death
accidentally
by being run over by a railway
train at Garfield Railway Station
on or about Nov 1st 1905.

A. A. Beckett J.P.

3rd November 1905

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid have to this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year and at the place above mentioned.

(L.S.)

Coroner.

(1) Here let each ¹
Juror sign his own ...
name, or make his
own mark, and
affix or acknow- ...
ledge his seal.

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VICTORIA POLICE. [47.]

Brimley

Station.

Geppeland Police District.
November 1st 1905

REPORT of Const Ryan 4116
Relative to Death of Man on Railway
line at Garfield.

I have to report that at 6⁴⁵ am to-day it was reported to me that a man was dead on the Railway line at Garfield. When I reached there I found the body lying between the rails about half way along the platform. assisted by John Thomson I removed it on the stretcher off the line to allow the train to pass. I afterwards examined it and found it was that of a man named Martin Tobin who has been working in this district for some years "splitting" the body was greatly crushed about. The top of the head is crushed in. One hand cut off. one foot cut off. The other crushed and the body is covered with bruises and cuts. There ^{are} marks on the line at the crossing where deceased would be crossing. of the body dragging and blood scattered about between the rails. on the side of the platform for a distance of about 50 yards to where the body was found. The body now lies at Ellis's Sona Hotel Garfield.

A H. A. Beckwith Esq
Coroner
Brimley

John Ryan
On Oct 26

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent *

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

John Thomson
Line repairer
Yarfield.
 I have known Martin Tolin
 for about three years, last time
 I saw him alive was Monday
 Oct 30th at about 7 p.m. in
 Yarfield.

I have seen him the worse for drink
 but always able to take care of
 himself.

Next time I saw him was Wednesday
 Nov 1st at 6.10 A.M.

I was crossing the line and unlocking
 gates, at level crossing, I saw a leg
 between the rails near the crossing
 and something ~~lying~~ further up
 between the rails, and going up to
 see what it was I saw a leg with
 a foot in it, and an arm when I got
 further on I found the body ~~and~~
 partly naked, I got some bags and
 covered the body.

I then informed Police at Bungay.
 I assisted Police to place body
 on a stretcher, and ~~very~~ recognised it
 to be that of Martin Tolin.

I believe the 10.30 up goods had run over
 him.

Taken and Sworn before me the *third* day
 of *November* 189*5* at *Yarfield*

A. H. Buckle Esq.
 Coroner.

John Thomson.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent *

Robert-Joss Garrett

on his oath saith, I am a Bank Clerk

residing at Garfield.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have known Martin Tolin
for about two months, last time
I saw him was Tuesday night at
about 11.30,

I saw him several times during
that day.

I saw him leave the hotel at night
and he appeared to me to be sober.
I was sitting in the bar parlour
during the evening and only saw him
have one drink.

Next morning I saw Thompson and
Const. Ryan lifting a mutilated body
onto a stretcher on the railway line
just in front of the station.

I recognized the body to be that of
Martin Tolin by the mud coat, shirt
and colour of the whiskers.

Garrett

Taken and Sworn before me the third day
of November 1895 at Garfield.

J. H. Ketchum
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent *

George William Ellis

on his oath saith, I am a

Hotel Keeper

residing at

*Garfield** Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have known deceased Martin
Tolin for about two years, he was in
the hotel on the afternoon and
evening of ~~the~~ Oct 31st, he ~~was~~ had
not been drinking excessively as he
had run out of money.

He was in the bar parlour about
closing time talking to some of the
boarders, I carried his bundle to the
door and gave it to him, he bid me
good night and I shut the door
leaving him on the verandah
I saw the ^{the following morning} body and recognised it to
be that of Martin Tolin.

On previous occasions he has left here
at night apparently for his home
and has turned up early next morning
I have not seen him with enough drink
in him to make him lie down, he
could always walk.

G. W. Ellis

Taken and Sworn before me the *third* day
of *November* 1905 at *Garfield*

A. A. Beckett J.P.

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent *

*William Tolin*on his oath saith, I am a *Labourer*residing at *Hardella** Christian and
Surname in
full.

*I have seen the corpse, and
last time I saw ~~him~~ my brother
was about fourteen years ago
and I could not identify the corpse
as being that of my brother,
~~who has been~~*

William Tolin

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of *November* 189*5* at *Garfield*
A. H. Beckwith, P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent *

George James Archer

on his oath saith, I am a

Storekeeper

residing at

Garfield.

* Christian and Surname in full.

I have known the deceased Martin Blin for 22 years and can identify him.

The last time I saw him alive was at 11.25 p.m. on Tuesday Oct 31st 05, he was in the hotel at Garfield, I did not see him leave the hotel, he was not then drunk. Next time I saw him was the following morning ~~and~~ in a room at the back of the hotel terribly knocked about and quite dead.

His usual habits were to work in the bush for two or three months and then have a spree, then go back to work again, I should not call him a heavy drinker.

I have seen him wandering at night on the roads, after drinking at the hotels.

G Archer

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of *November* 189*5* at *Garfield*

A. H. Beckwith J.P.
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

This Deponent * John Joseph Daly
on his oath saith, I am a State School Teacher
residing at Garfield.

I have known deceased for nearly
nine years and last saw him at
about 11.30 Tuesday night he was
joking with two other boarders and
myself just as he was leaving, he had
some drink, but was apparently
capable of looking after himself.
I never saw him again.
I have seen the body and recognise
it as that of Martin Holm.

John J. Daly

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of November 1895 at Garfield
A. A. Beckett J.P.
Coroner.